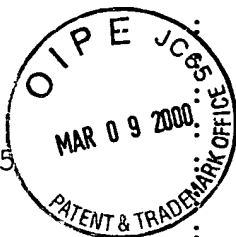


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In re Application of

HANS-PETER ESSER



Group Art Unit: 1711

Serial No.: 09/254,625

Examiner: P. Hampton-Hightower

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated December 14, 1999, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 23, change "75°C" to --75° C--.

Page 3, line 26, change "75°C" to --75° C--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

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